

**JACKSON PARISH  
AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT  
JONESBORO, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Jonesboro, Louisiana

Financial Report  
December 31, 2014

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# JACKSON PARISH AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT

## JONESBORO, LOUISIANA 71251

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District's (hereafter referred to as the District) annual financial report presents an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. Certain comparative information with the previous year is presented to provide an overview of the District's operations.

#### Financial Highlights

The Basic Financial Statements of the District report information about the District using Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) accounting principles. The Statement of Net Position (page 7) includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amount of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to District creditors (liabilities). All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (page 8). This statement measures improvements in the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has been able to recover all of its costs through its patient service revenue and other revenue sources. The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows (page 9). The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the District's cash from operations, investing and financing activities, and to provide answers to such questions as "where did cash come from?", "what was cash used for?" and "what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period?"

#### Financial Analysis of the Ambulance District

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the District's activities. These two statements report the net position of the District and changes in them. The District's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, other nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and millage, the health care industry, changes in Medicare and Medicaid regulations, and changes in commercial discounts should also be considered.

A summary of the District's basic financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Position

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS:		
Assets	\$6,531,975	\$5,945,864
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,183,010</u>	<u>1,202,372</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$7,714,985</u>	<u>\$7,148,236</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities- Payables	\$ 30,016	\$ 68,819
Noncurrent Liabilities- Compensated Absences	<u>51,190</u>	<u>46,406</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 81,206</u>	<u>\$ 115,225</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,183,010	\$1,202,372
Unrestricted	<u>6,450,769</u>	<u>5,830,639</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$7,633,779</u>	<u>\$7,033,011</u>

## Summary of Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
REVENUES:		
Operating Revenues-		
Ambulance Service	\$1,392,519	\$1,629,135
Non-Operating Revenues-		
Property Taxes & State Revenue Sharing	1,233,450	1,265,536
Miscellaneous	<u>46,847</u>	<u>34,180</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,672,816</u>	<u>\$2,928,851</u>
EXPENSES:		
Operating Expenses	\$2,025,655	\$2,074,630
Statutory Deductions	46,393	47,639
Loss on Disposal of Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>40,598</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,072,048</u>	<u>\$2,162,867</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 600,768</u>	<u>\$ 765,984</u>

#### Sources of Revenue

Ambulance service revenue of \$1,392,519 was 52% of total revenue of the District for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### Expenses

The majority of the District's total expenses is for payroll costs. For the year ended December 31, 2014, payroll costs amounted to \$1,080,285, or 52% of total operating expenses.

#### Capital Assets

The District's capital assets consist of ambulances and related equipment, along with the ambulance facility.

#### Economic Factors

The District's major revenue source is from ambulance services. There are no significant changes projected in revenue, except the District is anticipating reimbursement cuts in Medicare and Medicaid.

#### Contacting the Ambulance District's Financial Manager

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or requests for additional information, contact the District's Director at 115 Watts St, Jonesboro, LA 71251.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
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#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund information of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District, a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and major fund information of the District as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 4 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Act 706 of the Louisiana 2014 Legislative Session requires a Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer on page 17 to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, or Louisiana State Law, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 13, 2015, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

May 13, 2015



Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
December 31, 2014

ASSETS:

Current Assets-

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,093,699
Receivables	1,435,418
Prepaid Expenses	<u>708</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 6,529,825

Capital Assets-

Equipment	\$ 1,606,461
Building	796,139
Land	20,000
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,239,590)</u>

Total Capital Assets \$ 1,183,010

Other Assets-

Deposits	\$ <u>2,150</u>
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Total Assets \$ 7,714,985

LIABILITIES & NET POSITION:

Current Liabilities-

Accounts Payable	\$ 16,862
Payroll Related Payables	<u>13,154</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 30,016

Non-Current Liabilities-

Compensated Absences	<u>51,190</u>
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Total Liabilities \$ 81,206

Net Position-

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,183,010
Unrestricted	<u>6,450,769</u>

Total Net Position \$ 7,633,779

See notes to financial statements.

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position-  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Ambulance Service	<u>\$1,392,519</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Advertising	\$ 8,790
Auto Fuel, Oil, etc.	58,710
Billing Services & Supplies	5,937
Depreciation Expense	180,959
Insurance & Bonding	53,955
Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	65,501
Legal & Accounting	22,005
Other Miscellaneous	4,710
Outside Services	7,851
Payroll Taxes	83,778
Repairs and Maintenance	65,795
Retirement & Group Insurance	172,259
Salaries & Wages	1,080,285
Supplies	157,161
UPL Fee	5,527
Telephone & Utilities	39,625
Travel & Education	<u>12,807</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,025,655</u>
Operating Loss	<u>\$ (633,136)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,233,450
Miscellaneous Revenue	28,769
Interest Income	18,078
Statutory Deductions	<u>(46,393)</u>
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>\$1,233,904</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ 600,768
Net Position-Beginning of Year	<u>7,033,011</u>
Net Position-End of Year	<u>\$7,633,779</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 1,459,194
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(769,799)
Cash Payments to Employees	(1,077,890)
Non-operating Revenue	<u>1,249,041</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>860,546</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of Capital Assets	\$ <u>(161,597)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Investment Income	\$ <u>18,077</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 717,026
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning of Year	<u>4,376,673</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents-End of Year	\$ <u>5,093,699</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Loss	\$ (633,136)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities-	
Depreciation	180,959
Non-operating Revenue	1,215,826
Changes in Assets and Liabilities-	
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	31,024
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	99,891
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(5,383)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payroll	(33,419)
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	<u>4,784</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>860,546</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2014

## INTRODUCTION

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9053, the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District was created by an ordinance of the Jackson Parish Police Jury on May 4, 1998. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury. Commissioners are residents of the parish and serve terms of 3-6 years.

The District was created for the purpose of owning and operating ambulances for the transportation of persons suffering from illness, disabilities, or injuries necessitating ambulance care.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

#### A. Basis of Presentation-

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

#### B. Reporting Entity-

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Jackson Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Jackson Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Jackson Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Police Jury.
2. Organizations for which the Jackson Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Jackson Parish Police Jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

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Because the Jackson Parish Police Jury appoints the organization's governing body, and the ability of the Jackson Parish Police Jury to impose its will on the District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Jackson Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying general purpose financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Jackson Parish Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting-

The District uses one fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District, uses an enterprise fund type of the proprietary fund category to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Basis of Accounting-

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. The proprietary fund uses the accrual basis of accounting; revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the related liabilities are incurred.

Ad Valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad Valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. Ad valorem taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. Ambulance service revenues are recorded net of charges disallowed by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance.

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E. Cash and Cash Equivalents-

The District has deposits in highly liquid investment vehicles such as certificates of deposit. Since all of the District's cash is readily available, these deposits are listed in the financial statements as "Cash & Cash Equivalents". Under State law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. The District may also purchase investments in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

F. Compensated Absences-

All full-time employees earn annual and sick leave at varying rates from four to six days each year depending on length of service. There is a maximum accrual with varying hours depending on length of service. Upon termination, employees will receive compensation for all unused annual leave at the employees' current rate of pay.

G. Capital Assets-

The capital assets of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District enterprise fund are included on the Statement of Net Position, net of accumulated depreciation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the enterprise fund operation is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are 5 to 10 years for ambulances and equipment and 40 years for buildings.

H. Estimates-

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Levied Taxes:

For the year ended December 31, 2014, taxes of 5.02 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$264,739,540. The District's tax calendar is presented in section 1D above.

Total taxes collected for 2014 were \$1,233,450. The five largest taxpayers and their assessed valuation are as follows:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Exco Operating Co.	\$74,698,550
ETC Tiger Pipeline	41,573,520
Regency Intrastate Pipeline	23,045,910
Rock Tenn	17,718,090
Enable Gas Transmission	16,496,760

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The cash and cash equivalents of the District are subject to the following risk:

*Custodial Credit Risk:* Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the District's name.

The District's deposits with financial institutions at December 31, 2014, were secured as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,111,442
FDIC	(500,000)
Pledged Securities	<u>(4,611,442)</u>
Unsecured	<u>\$ 0</u>

4. Compensation of Board Members:

The members of the Board of Commissioners of the District receive no compensation for their services.



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5. Revenue Receivable:

At year-end, the District has \$1,435,418 in receivables as follows:

Intergovernmental-	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,132,624
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,327
Accounts-	
Medicare	87,928
Private Insurance	98,203
Medicaid	71,287
Patient Self-Pays	<u>43,049</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$1,435,418</u>

Substantially all amounts are considered to be collectable and the District does not estimate or use an allowance for bad debt account.

6. Capital Assets:

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Building	796,139			796,139
Equipment	<u>1,503,507</u>	<u>161,597</u>	<u>(58,643)</u>	<u>1,606,461</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,319,646</u>	<u>\$ 161,597</u>	<u>\$ (58,643)</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,600</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Equipment	\$ 1,022,733	\$ 161,056	\$ (58,643)	\$ 1,125,146
Building	<u>94,541</u>	<u>19,903</u>		<u>114,444</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 1,117,274</u>	<u>\$ 180,959</u>	<u>\$ (58,643)</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,590</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,202,372</u>	<u>\$ (19,362)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,010</u>

Depreciation expense of \$180,959 was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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7. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan:

The District provides a 457b plan to full-time employees that have been employed with the District for at least six months. Employees may contribute up to 10% of their salary. The District will match one-half of the employees' contributions, except for management employees. Management employees are entitled to a 200% match from the District. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the District's contribution amount was \$61,094, and the employee contribution amount was \$46,662. The District does not guarantee the benefits provided by the defined contribution retirement plan.

8. Litigation and Claims:

The District is involved in one lawsuit in which litigants seek damages for the alleged wrongful death of a patient transported by the District. This is an insured claim in which the damages claim is significantly below the insured amount. The District is expected to prevail.

9. Lease Agreement - Land:

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service has entered into a land lease agreement with Ernest Conn. The lease is automatically renewable with the option to end the lease with a written mutual agreement between the District and Ernest Conn. The District is to pay \$150 a month due at the first of each month. The District is responsible for all utilities and establishing the utility lines. The land is to be leased for a location in Chatham with a mobile home, covered parking, employee parking, porch, sign, and small storage building.

10. Post-Employment Benefits:

The Jackson Parish Ambulance Service does not provide any post-employment benefits; therefore, no disclosure for GASB 45 is required.

11. Compensated Absences:

The following is a summary of compensated absences for the year ended December 31, 2014:

<u>Balance</u> <u>01-01-14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12-31-14</u>
<u>\$46,406</u>	<u>\$4,784</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$51,190</u>

12. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated events through May 13, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

## OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to  
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Agency Head Name: Tracy Wold, Director

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$112,903
Benefits- Retirement	28,750
Benefits- Other	9,099
Reimbursements	363
Travel	756
Conference expenses	<u>1,926</u>
Total	<u>\$153,797</u>

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Mr. Tracy Wold, Director  
and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, the financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District's (District) basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 13, 2015.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 25:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District  
Schedule of Audit Results  
Year Ended December 31, 2014

I. Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District.
2. There were no significant deficiencies noted in internal control during the audit of the financial statements.
3. There were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District disclosed during the audit.

II. Findings in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

No findings.

III. Prior Year Findings

No findings.